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SUBJECT: TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON CONVENTIONAL BALANCE

1. SUMMARY. ANALYST/EXPERT LEVEL MEETING WAS HELD JAN 20-22 AT MOD, LONDON, TO RESOLVE ASSUMPTIONS NOT YET FULLY AGREED BY THE GAMING NATIONS FOR USE IN PHASE FOUR ANALYSIS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SPECIAL STUDY GROUP (MCSSG) STUDY. MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED BY FREE AND CANDID EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND NATIONAL POSITIONS DURING WHICH U.S. REPS DREW HEAVILY ON U.S. TECHNICAL PAPERS. ALL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN U.S. TECHNICAL/ANALYTIC POSITION WERE ACCEPTED. GAMING NATIONS (U.S., UK AND FRG) REACHED AGREEMENT ON MOST OUTSTANDING ASSUMPTIONS AND ON PROCEEDING WITH DYNAMIC PHASE OF THE STUDY BY MEANS OF COMMON CALIBRATION CASE ANALYSIS TO BE USED BY EACH NATION AS A VEHICLE FOR SMOOTHING OUT TECH-  
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NICAL/METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG NATIONAL SIMULA-

TION MODELS. SPECIFIC INPUTS AND GAMING PARAMETERS FOR THE CALIBRATION CASE ANALYSIS WERE AGREED UPON. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR ASSUMPTIONS RESOLVED AND OTHER AGREEMENTS:

A) MOBILIZATION EFFECTIVENESS OF WP FORCES. SUBJECT TO FRG CONFIRMATION, GAMING NATIONS AGREED TO INCLUDE TWO OPTIONS IN PHASE FOUR ANALYSIS: (1) A CASE INCLUDING NO INITIAL DEGRADATION OF MOBILIZATION EFFECTIVENESS OF WP FORCES, AND (2) A CASE PROVIDING INITIAL DEGRADATION OF MOBILIZATION EFFECTIVENESS OF WP FORCES TO DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTS OF SUCH AN ASSUMED REDUCTION.

B) CASUALTY REPLACEMENT POLICY AND CAPABILITY. BECAUSE IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE METHODS OF CASUALTY REPLACEMENT USED IN THE THREE NATIONAL MODELS WERE QUITE DIFFERENT, AND THE U.S. NATIONAL MODEL PROVIDED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT, THE U.S. AGREED TO CIRCULATE TO UK AND FRG A PAPER OUTLINING ITS METHODS, AND TO SEEK MCSSG ADVICE ON WP AND NATO RESERVE STOCK EQUIPMENTS AVAILABLE AS REPLACEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT CASUALTIES.

C) DATA AND POLICY ON DEPLOYMENT OF AIR FORCES: AFTER CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT BY MBFR SUB-GROUP ON TACTICAL AIR (SGTA), THE CONFEREES AGREED THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION THEREIN NEEDED TO BE UPDATED FOR USE IN PHASE FOUR OF THE MCSSG STUDY. THE U.S. AGREED TO DRAFT AN INITIAL PAPER ABSTRACTING APPROPRIATE DATA, ASSUMPTIONS, POLICY FOR DEPLOYMENT AND METHODS OF EMPLOYMENT BASED ON THE SGTA STUDY AND ON APPROPRIATE CONSOLIDATED ORDER OF BATTLE-AIR FACILITIES CATALOGUE (COBAFC) AND WP/276 (WP)S FOR WP AND NATO AIR ORDERS OF BATTLE. SHAPE ADVICE WOULD BE SOUGHT ON CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS OF NATO AIR FORCES FOR EACH M DAY SCENARIO TO BE EXAMINED, AND FOR THE CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS OF WP AIR FORCES UPON WHICH ASSUMPTIONS FOR NATO FORCES WERE BASED.

3. MEANS OF PROCEEDING WITH PHASE FOUR ANALYSES: BEFORE EACH GAMING NATION UNDERTAKES A FULL SCALE THEATER-LEVEL

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SIMULATION, A LOWER LEVEL CALIBRATION CASE SIMULATION USING COMMON INPUT DATA AND COMMON GAMING PARAMETERS (E.G., BATTLE CONDITIONS) WILL BE DEVELOPED AND RUN BY EACH GAMING NATION. BASIC INPUT DATA (E.G., UNIT TYPES AND HOLDINGS) FOR CALIBRATION CASE RUNS WERE AGREED.

4. NEXT STEPS: MCSSG TECHNICAL PERSONNEL EXPECT TO MEET AGAIN IN LATE FEBRUARY TO CONSIDER DATA THAT SHAPE HAS

BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE THE STUDY GROUP IN EARLY FEBRUARY.  
A FURTHER TRILATERAL ANALYST/EXPERT LEVEL MEETING WILL  
FOLLOW AT THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC) TO FINALIZE  
PREPARATIONS FOR RUNNING CALIBRATION CASE ANALYSES USING  
AGREED INPUT DATA AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SHAPE, AND  
INVOLVING STC PERSONNEL IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARA-  
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